

and H. B. Richardson, who are successors to T. T. Elliott & Son, which firm they succeeded in December, 1892. Previous to that date Mr. Geo. N. Elliott was connected with the latter concern for seven years. In connection with their abstract department, these gentlemen also buy and sell real estate and other property on their own account, lease or exchange the same and pay taxes and make collections for non-residents and do a general land agency business. Anything in their line of business placed in their hands will be promptly attended to. They have a large list of improved and unimproved farm lands to select from in tracts of from 40 to 640 acres, in sizes to suit purchaser. They also do a loan business and can furnish money in any amounts from \$300 up at 6 per cent. interest on improved farm property exclusively.

The office of this firm is located at the court-house in the room occupied by the circuit clerk, where will be found a complete set of books and other valuable records affecting and covering titles to every foot of land in Chariton county. In fact, this firm has copies of all the original records and subsequent transfers of lands in this county from the earliest times up to the most recent transfer, and altogether have the most complete set of abstract books to be found north of the Missouri river in this state, and which have been compiled at a cost of much time, labor and money. The firm of George N. Elliott & Co. is accurate, trustworthy and financially responsible, and their records have been tried by time and found to be correct. Therefore get the best by calling on this firm when wanting anything in the way of abstracts to title, as titles to real estate are something that ought not to be tampered with.

#### W. D. Vaughan.

Conveniently located on the north side of Bridge street is the hardware house of the above named gentleman, whose career in this line of trade in Keytesville covers a period of eighteen years, the business having been founded under the firm name of Whiteman & Vaughan, and conducted by them until 1889, when it passed entirely into the hands of its present proprietor. The building that he occupies is a substantial brick, 24x75 feet in size and contains a large, well-selected and carefully arranged stock of shelf, builders' and heavy hardware, tools, tinware, an elegant line of glass and queensware and ornamental lamps, garden seeds, rope, cutlery, steel goods and the celebrated "Superior" cook stoves, the fire back of which is warranted for fifteen years. He carries in stock eight or ten other brands of cook stoves and the "Majestic" steel range, the "Quick Meal" and "Jewell" gasoline stoves, and deals in coal oil and gasoline. He also handles wooden and iron pumps, the "Nancy Hanks" being a favorite and one of the best force pumps in existence. He is prepared to do all kinds of roofing, guttering and tin work, making this a special feature of his business. He is a practical mechanic of twenty eight years' experience and employs the services of Mr. George Cox, who is one of the finest workmen in North Missouri. Mr. Cox has been at his trade for 20 years and in Mr. Vaughan's employ for the past five years. Mr. Vaughan employs nothing but the best class of workmen and guarantees entire satisfaction. He operates one among the oldest hardware houses in Chariton county, and has ever enjoyed a liberal patronage which has steadily increased from the first.

#### Herbert White.

One of the neatest, cleanest and most flourishing mercantile establishments in Keytesville is that of Mr. Herbert White, the gent's furnisher, who established his store at this point two years ago, and with truth it may be said that it has ever been a growing success from first to last. The location of this concern is on the south side of Bridge street where its quarters are fitted up as becomes a first-class emporium for the display and sale of gent's furnishing goods, such as shirts, collars and cuffs, neckwear, hosiery and underwear, all in the latest styles and most approved patterns.

Mr. White also carries in stock a

fine assortment of notions necessary to the make up of the modern gentleman, and has a good trade in all branches of his business. This gentleman was born and reared in Keytesville, and is one of its most prosperous young business men whose fine business qualifications assures him a successful career in his chosen field. For gent's furnishing goods at low prices for cash go to Herbert White.

#### Keeting & Walter.

Located on the north side of Bridge street, two doors west of the Hotel Snyder, is the establishment of the above named firm, which deals in farm machinery and are manufacturers of vehicles. This firm is composed of Messrs. A. Keeting and E. Walter, both of whom are fine mechanics, the former being a blacksmith of twenty-four years' experience, while the latter has followed the woodworkman's trade for the past thirty-two years. Mr. Keeting has been located in Keytesville for four years and Mr. Walter has been a resident of this city for twenty-three years, while the firm, as above, was established in April, 1893. The building that they occupy is 60x100 feet in size and is conveniently divided into woodwork and blacksmith departments and display rooms, wherein they are prepared to build all kinds of new vehicles and repair old ones and all kinds of farm machinery. They make a specialty of fine horse-shoeing and all their work is fully guaranteed. They are agents at Keytesville for the Otto gasoline engine, the Nichols & Shepard company's threshing machinery and engines, the Osborn mowers and the Craver "Harvester King," a center cut binder which cuts a twelve foot swath. They carry a full stock of Rock Island implements of all kinds, blacksmiths' and woodworkers' stock, a full line of buggies, carts and spring wagons, and make a leader of the well-known Leudinghaus wagon, having just received a car load of the latter goods. They employ help during the busy season and have ever enjoyed a steadily increasing trade in all lines, which is due to the excellent grade of goods carried and their courteous treatment of all.

#### John P. Tippet.

Among the oldest business men of Keytesville may be mentioned Mr. John P. Tippet, who was born and reared in this county, and who in 1859 started a general blacksmith and repair shop in this city. He is a practical mechanic and began his business life in a modest way, but by hard work and judicious management has brought his establishment up to a point where, as regards the quantity and quality of work done, it is second to no similar concern in Chariton county. The location of his plant is just north of the Bank of Keytesville, where he owns nearly an entire block of lots upon which is situated several commodious buildings, their entire floorage amounting to about 12,000 square feet, divided into carriage show room, main office, blacksmith and woodwork departments and implement warehouses. He carries a full line of farm machinery, including the celebrated Moline and John Deere goods, the Collins plow, Janesville disc cultivator, McCormick harvesting machinery and binding twine and the Barlow rotary corn planter, and is agent for the Advance threshing machinery and Reeves automatic stacker. He deals in the Kentucky wagon and Moon Brothers' make of buggies besides other makes. He is prepared to put up all kinds of new work to order and to do repairing either in wood or iron and makes a specialty of fine horse-shoeing. He keeps steadily employed from four to seven mechanics, the foreman of the blacksmith shop being Mr. Chas. Schellingburg, while the woodwork is in charge of Mr. Charlie Schell, both of whom are fine mechanics. In the aggregate this is one of the worthiest industries of Keytesville. Its growth has been steady and its business good. For anything in the above lines see Mr. Tippet and you will be treated rightly.

#### Mrs. C. P. Vandiver.

The largest, finest equipped and oldest established repository for millinery goods in Keytesville, and in point of artistic display the model of Chariton county, is the establishment of the above named estimable lady, who embarked in business at this

point in the fall of 1888, she having been engaged in this line of trade altogether for ten years. The location of her place of business is on the north side of Bridge street, occupying a commodious and well-arranged apartment in the front part of the COURIER building, this room being devoted to the display and sale of fashionable millinery, ribbons, notions, ladies' furnishings and other goods kindred to this branch of trade.

In the trimming department Mrs. Vandiver employs none but experienced trimmers, and all work of this kind is kept fully up-to-date. She buys her supplies principally in the St. Louis market, which has a national reputation as being one of the most famous millinery supply depots in the world.

In addition to her business at this point, Mrs. Vandiver conducts a branch house at DeWitt, Carroll county, Missouri, which is under the personal supervision of Miss Annie Wheeler, a most worthy young lady. At both places Mrs. Vandiver is enjoying an excellent trade, which is due to her extensive acquaintance in this and adjoining counties, and the wide reputation of her excellent taste as a milliner.

#### Rucker & Hunt.

Prominent among the many business enterprises that have brought Keytesville to the front as a trading point for a large surrounding territory, is the furniture house of the above named firm, which is located on the north side of Bridge street in the business center of the city, the building that it occupies being a 26x80 foot brick structure, which is owned by these gentlemen. The firm is composed of Messrs. J. C. Rucker and M. B. Hunt, the first mentioned member of which has been engaged in this line of trade in this city since 1888, while the latter has followed the same business here since 1891. Previous to 1894, they conducted separate establishments, but in April of that year they formed a co-partnership and adopted the firm name as written above. Their stock includes a complete and exceedingly well selected line of furniture of all kinds, a large and elegant assortment of window shades and straw matting, the "New Home," Eldridge "B," and other makes of sewing machines, and a full line of oils, needles and repair goods. In connection with their stock they carry a complete line of burial cases, coffins, robes and undertakers' goods and have a first-class hearse. Mr. Rucker is a practical embalmer and funeral director and has a license from the State Board of Embalming, and all work of this kind will receive prompt and careful attention. This is one of the most reliable firms of Keytesville. Its motto has ever been "Honest Dealing," and is ever ready to meet all fair competition; consequently it has an excellent trade which is steadily on the increase.

#### Mrs. F. Hansmann.

Located on the south side of Bridge street in the business portion of the city, is the restaurant of the above named deserving lady, who has been a resident of Keytesville for many years. The business was established by Mr. F. Hansmann about fourteen years ago, and was conducted by him up till about one year since when it passed into the hands of its present owner. Mrs. Hansmann owns the building that she occupies, which is a substantial two-story brick, conveniently arranged and is a model of neatness and order. At this establishment one can obtain regular meals and lodging, and lunch at all hours. This lady carries a complete and well-selected stock of fancy groceries, canned and bottled goods, confectionery, cigars and tobaccos and summer drinks in season. Particular attention is paid to the transient trade, the rates being one dollar per day. Mrs. Hansmann is assisted by her son, Jo Hansmann. For a good wholesome lunch or a square meal and the best of sleeping accommodations, give this lady a call.

#### J. A. C. Phillips & Son.

The above named gentlemen are proprietors of one of Keytesville's livery stables, which is located on the southwest corner of Bridge and Mulberry streets, in the business center of the city. The building that they occupy is one and a half stories in height, covering 60x90 feet of space and is well equipped in every way. They keep constantly in service from 18 to

20 horses for all purposes, three carriages, 12 buggies, a drummer wagon and a full line of other necessary vehicles, and pay special attention to the commercial trade and furnish careful, experienced drivers whenever desired. Mr. Phillips was born and reared in Chariton county and became established in this line of trade here over seven years ago. He conducted the same for about three years then went out of business for awhile, but again resumed it in 1893, since which time he, with the aid of his son, James, has built up a splendid trade. Both gentlemen are counted as among Keytesville's foremost business men. Mr. Phillips owns and operates two good farms a few miles north and east of this city and is otherwise in comfortable circumstances.

For any kind of stylish turn-out or the best saddle horses go to J. A. C. Phillips & Son, and you will get just what you want and be well treated.

Upon funeral or baptism occasions these gentlemen will always have their rigs out regardless of expense.

#### The Misses Rucker.

The fine millinery and dressmaking establishment of Miss Annie Rucker, who is ably assisted by her sister, Miss Nina Rucker, was established by that lady one year ago, and from that date until the present writing it has had a successful career, and has made a most enviable record as a business enterprise. The location of this establishment is on the south side of Bridge street, where its cosy quarters are nicely equipped as becomes a modern emporium for the display and sale of fine millinery goods, as well as for the business of dressmaking. Miss Nina Rucker has charge of the millinery department, and is a trimmer of experience and artistic attainments, and well known as such throughout Chariton county. The dressmaking branch is in the hands of Miss Annie Rucker, an expert—in fact, all departments of this enterprise are in good hands and as a result the business is prosperous.

This establishment buys its goods in St. Louis, and now has a good spring stock to select from, which not only consists of a fine display of millinery goods in all the latest styles, but it also deals in ladies' furnishings and notions, which in part consists of belts, gloves, shirt waists and an especially large and fine display of ribbons and white goods. For the latest styles in millinery, fine dressmaking and ladies' furnishing goods, go to the Misses Rucker, south side of Bridge street, Keytesville, Mo.

#### G. M. Dewey & Co.

Among the best known mercantile concerns of Keytesville, and one that has had an honorable career for the past five years, is the hardware house of the above named firm, which is located on the southeast corner of Bridge and Water street. The building in which this firm does business is a two-story brick structure, 26x70 feet, with a commodious ware-house and work-shop in the rear, the whole space being devoted to the storage and display of shelf goods and builders' hardware, stoves and tinware, cutlery, and an elegant line of queensware and lamps. In the matter of stoves, this concern makes a special feature of the Jewel and Buck's steel stoves and ranges, and carries a full line of other makes in cast goods. This company also deals in wind-mills and the celebrated Champion pumps. Mr. Dewey is a practical tinner of many years' experience and in this respect, he makes roofing and spouting and general job work in the tinners' line a specialty, doing all of his own work, and has a goodly share of the business of the city and surrounding country. The stock of this store is nicely arranged and shows to the best advantage and the goods are selected to suit the Chariton county trade. This establishment is one of the heavy mercantile concerns of Keytesville, and is doing and ever has done, a safe and constantly growing business. For hardware, stoves, tinware, or in fact anything usually found in a first-class establishment of this kind, and at prices to suit the times, go to G. M. Dewey & Co., on the south side of Bridge street.

#### Chariton County Officials.

Chariton county has every reason to be proud of her officers, for a more capable or efficient set of gentlemen were never selected to look after the interests of any county. The following are personal sketches of those who desired to assist in getting out this

souvenir edition of the COURIER as a matter of public enterprise:

#### J. E. Dempsey.

The subject of this sketch is at the present writing the efficient sheriff of Chariton county. He was born in this county on February 9th, 1859, and was reared here receiving his education in the common schools. He entered upon the duties of sheriff in January, 1893, and has since proven his fitness for the position by his strict adherence to duty. He is one of the best known and most respected citizens of Chariton county and is a valuable addition to the list of its officers.

His deputy is Mr. J. R. Dempsey, who has proven himself to be the right man in the right place. This gentleman was recently nominated as a candidate for the office of sheriff on the Democratic ticket and is well worthy of the honor due him.

#### H. B. Richardson.

Among the prominent citizens of Keytesville and one of Chariton county's old residents, is Henry Bascom Richardson, who has filled the responsible position of clerk of the circuit court for the past five years, and in every particular has proven himself worthy of the trust reposed in him. Mr. Richardson was born in this county on the 6th day of April, 1851, and was reared and educated here.

Previous to entering his present office he was a successful farmer in Wayland township, and at present owns a valuable tract of 120 acres of land, one and a half mile southeast of Prairie Hill. He is a live and progressive citizen and helps this souvenir edition for the general good that may be derived from it. The circuit court of this county holds sessions both at Salisbury and Keytesville, consequently this gentleman has a deputy at each place, the one at the first mentioned city, being Mr. John Clark, while the deputyship at Keytesville is held by Mr. G. N. Elliott.

#### A. L. Welch.

Chariton county's efficient treasurer is A. L. Welch, who has filled this responsible position to the entire satisfaction of all concerned since April, 1893.

Mr. Welch was born in this county on the 24th day of September, 1865, was reared here and received his education in the public schools. He subsequently taught for two years in the schools of the county, afterwards turning his attention to the feeding and shipping of stock, which he followed until he entered upon his present official duties. He is a most courteous gentleman and has kept a vigilant eye upon the people's strong box. During his administration \$40,000 of Chariton county's five per cent. funding bonds have been redeemed and cancelled. There still remains \$35,000 worth of these bonds unpaid, which fall due July 1st, 1898. This constitutes the entire indebtedness of Chariton county, and of this sum the treasurer has on hand about \$9,000. From the present outlook the whole sum will be paid when due, and the county will then be entirely free from debt.

As an official, Mr. Welch has ever held sacred the interests of his county and is entitled to a full share of credit for the favorable showing mentioned herein.

#### B. H. Smith.

Chariton county's recorder of deeds, was elected to the office in November, 1890, and took charge of the county's records in January, 1891, and up to the date of this issue has proven himself to be a most efficient officer, having the respect and confidence of every citizen of the county, of whatever political faith.

This gentleman was born in Carroll county, Missouri, on January, 21st, 1853, and has been a resident of Chariton for thirty years. He was educated at the Kirksville Normal school, and taught in the public schools of this county for a number of years, and immediately previous to entering his present office he was engaged in the hardware business at Triplett. Mr. J. M. Mason is his efficient deputy, and is a thorough-going young business man and a pleasant gentleman.

#### R. D. Edwards.

Among Chariton county's old and well-known citizens, having been a resident of the county for thirty years, is Mr. R. D. Edwards, the present clerk of the county court, who took charge of the office on January 1st, 1891, being re-elected in 1894.

Mr. Edwards is a native of Norfolk,

Virginia, and for many years after coming to this county resided at Brunswick, but in 1888 came to Keytesville to take the position of deputy county clerk, which he held until elected to his present office. His past record in this capacity has been most honorable and of a character that has won for him many friends, not only among his constituents.

His deputy is Mr. H. H. Miller, who is a most excellent officer as well as an obliging gentleman.

#### L. H. Herring.

The gentleman named above is the presiding justice of the Chariton county court. He is a native of the county and was born April 19th, 1848. He was a pupil in the public schools of Chariton county until 1864, during our late unpleasantness, when he entered college at Jacksonville, Illinois, where he remained for two years. In 1888 he was chosen an associate justice of the county court, and was elected to his present official position in 1894.

Both as associate and presiding justice of the county court he has been pains-taking and careful of the people's interests. He is an excellent financier as shown by his private affairs, and is none the less vigilant in watching public interests over which he has an oversight.

#### J. A. Collet.

The subject of this sketch is one of Chariton county's successful attorneys, and is the Democratic nominee for prosecuting attorney of the county. He was born in Cockrell township, this county, August 11th, 1868, where he was reared, receiving his earlier education in the public schools. He afterwards attended a private school at Houston, Texas county, Missouri, after which he taught a term of several months in that county. Subsequently he returned to the above mentioned private school and taught mathematics for three and a half months. He then returned to Chariton county, attended the teachers' institutes and taught in the schools here for three years. During this time he read law and studied diligently and was finally admitted to the bar in October, 1893. The following spring he located in Keytesville, and since that time has filled the position of city attorney. Since being admitted to the bar he has been successfully connected with a large percentage of the criminal cases that have been tried here during that time.

Mr. Collet is an obliging gentleman and worthy of the patronage bestowed upon him. If elected prosecuting attorney, as he surely will be, we predict for him a successful career.

#### T. E. Mackay.

The subject of this article is the Democratic nominee for the office of public administrator. He was born in this city on November 28th, 1863, and was reared here, receiving a common school education. During the years of 1885-6, he held the office of deputy clerk under John A. Lee. Following that he spent two years in Kansas, then came back to Keytesville, where he held the position of city collector for seven years. In October, 1892, Mr. Mackay was appointed to the office of probate clerk, which he held until February of the present year, when he resigned the position and made the race for nomination to the office of public administrator on the Democratic ticket. To show the esteem in which the people of Chariton county hold him, it may be stated that he received the largest majority given to any man that ever ran on the county ticket.

#### The Hotel Snyder.

With Mr. J. A. Snyder, the popular caterer, as its proprietor, and ably assisted by his good wife, is without doubt one of the best conducted hotels in North Missouri. Mr. Snyder has had charge of this hotel for the past three months, and under his able management it is becoming one of the most popular resorts for the traveling public to be found in this part of the state. For eighteen years this gentleman was a commercial traveler, covering the central and many of the western states, and later in life has devoted several years to the hotel business in which field he has been an eminent success as a caterer at some of the fashionable watering places of the West, and as a result, he knows just how to administer to the wants of the commercial trade. The Hotel

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